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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF CHARTER UNDERSTANDINGS

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SUMMARY. GOA PREPARED TO HOLD CHARTER DISCUSSIONS WITH US TEAM AFTER NOV. 20. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY ASAP RE PROPOSED DATES FOR TALKS AND PROVIDE DRAFT TEXT FOR BASIS OF DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.

1. GOA CIVIL AVIATION SPECIALISTS DR. FRANZ PERNEGGER (FOREIGN MINISTRY) AND DR. OSKAR DVORAK (TRANSPORT MINISTRY) HAVE REAFFIRMED TO EMBASSY ORALLY THAT GOA WOULD AGREE TO BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH USG ON AIR CHARTERS AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE AFTER NOV. 20. (FYI-IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UK ON A NEW BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT ARE SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 17-19. END FYI). PLEASE LET US KNOW PROPOSED DATES FOR VISIT TO VIENNA BY US NEGOTIATING TEAM ASAP.

2. CHARTER EXPERT DVORAK SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE AUSTRIAN CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES WERE PREPARED TO INCLUDE

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SPECIAL EVENT CHARTERS (SECS) AND ON-STOP INCLUSIVE

TOUR CHARTERS (OTCS) IN A CHARTER UNDERSTANDING. SECS WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM SINCE THIS TYPE OF CHARTER HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY AUSTRIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECAC RECOMMENDATIONS. DVORAK ALSO FORESAW NO PROBLEMS REGARDING OTCS BUT DID NOT WANT TO ANTICIPATE ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS TYPE OF CHARTER AT OCT. 7-8 ECAC MEETING.

3. BOTH PERNEGGER AND DVORAK REMINDED EMBASSY THAT PRESENT BASIS FOR MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF CHARTER TRAFFIC IS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS SIGNED IN VIENNA NOV. 6, 1973 (TIAS 7751) AND NOT RPT NOT NEVER-CONCLUDED DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU). TEXT OF DRAFT MOU AS APPROVED BY GOA MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAS CONTAINED IN REFTEL C. AUSTRIANS POINTED OUT THAT THEY HAD NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY FROM USG REGARDING THEIR PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, WHICH WAS TO ACCOMPANY THE MOU, AND VERY MINOR CHANGES IN TEXT OF THE MOU ITSELF. THESE WERE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT IN REFTEL D.

4. PERNEGGER ADDED THAT GOA WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE BASIS FOR THE FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS: THE OLD DRAFT MOU OR A COMPLETELY NEW DOCUMENT. PERNEGGER OFFERED THE OPINION THAT A NUMBER OF CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN THE EXISTING DRAFT MOU IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE NEW US CHARTER TYPES. IN ANY EVENT, AUSTRIANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANY NEW US DRAFT TEXT IN ADVANCE OF MEETING.

5. COMMENT: AUSTRIANS DO NOT APPEAR TO HAVE SAME HIGH DEGREE OF SENSITIVITY THAT SOME OTHER ECAC MEMBERS HAVE REGARDING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG ALTHOUGH DVORAK DID SEEM PLEASED THAT US WOULD MEET WITH ECAC PRIOR TO STARTING ITS ROUND OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. FOR HIS PART, PERNEGGER FELT THAT THE PRESENT INTERIM AGREEMENT WAS WORKING VERY SATISFACTORILY. HE RATHER WISTFULLY COMMENTED THAT IT WAS TOO BAD INTERIM AGREEMENT WAS LIMITED TO TGCS AND ABCS OR ELSE IT COULD HAVE GONE ON INDEFINITELY. END COMMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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